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Sisters plead the cause

Sisters Madison and Brooke Krider provided excellent arguments for the abolishment of bullying with their presentation at the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club Public Speaking Competition on Sunday at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre. The girls are first-year Junior members of the club. Story and more photos on Page 5.

Town will continue collection

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's residential garbage collection will continue to be done by town staff, council agreed at last Monday's regular meeting, after studying an analysis of contract collection costs.

Council also passed second reading of the new garbage bylaw, but will hold off on the third reading until after an in-depth discussion regarding its implementation takes place at the next public works committee meeting.

The town's capital budget is a work in progress, and council reviewed what Mayor Parrish Tung called, "a wish list for a perfect world" of projects large and small that includes everything from the new sewage lagoon, industrial subdivision completion and water reservoir construction to sidewalk replacement and purchase of a new street sweeper.

The town's engineering advisor has cautioned that funding is not readily available for water storage, but it may be possible to do so through the Water for Life program.

The town will need to spend in the neighbourhood of \$473,000 to comply with the guidelines of the provincial grant for walking trails. There is considerable work remaining to be done on the project, from installation of the solar lighting on 50 Ave. and construction of a new footbridge across Atimoswe Creek on the Recreation Park access trail to replacing sidewalks on the north side of 50th Ave that will then become part of the trail system, providing better access to the downtown area for walkers of all ages.

Paving, curb and gutter in the new residential subdivision are also on the list, as are a number of road repairs, along with replacement of equipment such as the backhoe, a public works pickup truck and a riding mower.

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MLA, mayor and council meet with AHS

Clarification sought on Healthcare Centre staffing issues

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

MLA Shayne Saskiw, Mayor Parrish Tung and Town Couns. Bernice Capjack, Ron Fraess and Dwayne Yaremkevich and Health Advisory Council member Diana Anderson met with Elk Point Healthcare Centre staff, Dr. Drew Ramful and Dr. Ayobami Oyeode and Wendy Harrison, vice president of rural operations for areas five through eight in the northeast zone for Alberta Health Services (AHS), last week to discuss current health services in Elk Point.

Dr. Kevin Worry, North Zone Medical Director for Alberta Health Services and Associate Zone Medical Director Dr. Albert Harmse of St. Paul joined the meeting by Telehealth audio line.

The current shortage of staff at the Elk Point Healthcare Centre is "a short-term urgent situation," Harrison said, and stems from an ongoing challenge across the northern zone with recruiting staff. "We have at least 10 communities in the zone where we're focusing on recruitment."

With quality care for patients and respect for the needs of staff as the top priorities for AHS, Harrison said Elk Point is faced by "a particular challenge," with two vacant positions, a maternity leave in the long term care department and an extended leave due to illness resulting in a "very short" but extremely dedicated staff working extra hours and extra shifts. Working overtime and bringing in other people to cover shifts is getting to be "more and more of a trend," she notes.

Because of risks involved in moving long term care patients to other facilities, it became necessary to slow admissions to acute care beds back in November, Harrison said. "The emergency department was open except for Christmas week, when we couldn't fill the shifts." With no registered nurse available, the department was closed between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m. during that time. Since then, she said, the situation has stabilized and the shorthanded staff is "managing." In long term care, "we continue to have vacancies. We put out a call and some home care and one nurse from Edmonton have been a huge help. The team has come together and assists each other as required. They're doing the best they can."

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Municipalities named in report on donations

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

A report by Elections Alberta was released last week, detailing the results of an investigation into illegal donations allegedly received by the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta.

The announcement, "confirmed what the Wildrose has known for sometime," said St. Paul-Lac La Biche-Two Hills Wildrose MLA, Shayne Saskiw, last week during a media conference on Jan. 31.

A total of 45 illegal donations made

in the past three years were included in the report, totaling over \$20,000.

According to the Elections Alberta website, "Disclosure is limited, by law, to violations that occurred on or after December 10, 2009. Results of investigations of alleged violations that occurred prior to that date cannot be disclosed, in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act (the Act)."

Saskiw believes the report is proof

of the alleged bullying tactics being used by the PCs for many years. He expressed his displeasure at the PC party's response to being found guilty of receiving the illegal donations, and said, instead of owning up to the illegal activity, the party appears to be "digging in its heels."

"This is entitlement on a whole new level," said Saskiw, adding, "If you get caught robbing a bank, the cops don't let you keep the cash."

Saskiw pointed to his own constituency, which is listed three times on the report. The County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point were each found to have

donated \$200 to the Lac La Biche-St. Paul PC Association in June of 2010 for supporting a Premier's Dinner.

The report also states that the former Lac La Biche-St. Paul constituency association returned the contributions voluntarily in 2012.

"We're just starting the process to see how deep the culture of corruption is," said Saskiw.

When asked if he believed if the report would have any sort of impact, Saskiw said yes, adding, any money that hasn't been paid back by the PC party should be, and not paying back the contributions is just "perpetuating the problem."

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Town council

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Costs for the industrial park development also came under discussion at the meeting.

Town manager Myron Goyan provided council with a list of incoming grant funding that is available, and now it is up to the public works committee to prioritize the purchases and projects.

Tendering

Council authorized Goyan to seek tenders for paving the industrial park and building the sewage lagoon.

Affordable housing

Council took a step forward in the field of affordable housing, approving the inclusion

of an additional type of housing in the R2 zoning in the new land use bylaw. A duplex with two titles and provision for a self-contained rental suite on the lower level of each side would provide additional accommodation at a reasonable cost, and give the homeowner an additional source of income, council felt. Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said this type of housing is common in other communities in the area, such as Vermilion, and could ease the housing shortage locally.

Regional water

Coun. Ron Fraess reported that pressure testing of the regional water line has been suspended until the arrival of warmer weather, as coping with any leaks is very difficult under current temperature conditions. He noted that the warranty on the line will start when

the commission accepts the project. North East MuniCorr has some issues regarding the condition that the Iron Horse Trail will be left in when the water line is completed.

Public works

Some changes are to be made on the multi-family residential area, with the plan to be redrafted, however the lot on which there is already an offer will remain unchanged.

Evergreen Regional Waste

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said Evergreen has received a year's notice from Beaver River advising the area would be pulling out of the agreement. A special meeting was scheduled for later in the week to study the implications, which Yaremkevich said, "will have a huge effect on Evergreen's budget. Operation is the biggest cost, and we are putting money away each year for cell replacement."



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Chamber AGM goes Thursday

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has scheduled their 2013 Annual General Meeting for this coming Thursday evening, and along with the usual business of choosing the coming year's executive and setting meeting times and dates, will be making plans for the coming year's

projects and activities.

While nominations will be accepted from the floor, chamber president Debra McQuinn feels the current executive is ready and willing to carry on for another year, and says that she has a number of projects she wants to continue working on. The meeting goes at 6 p.m. at the Empress.

Healthcare staffing

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"What was a chronic shortage got to an acute situation," Dr. Harmse affirmed.

Both full and part-time nursing positions are available, and Harrison said many nurses, especially the older ladies, prefer part time. "We try to make as many as we can full time, but part time gives a little flexibility."

Newly graduated nurses and nurses from other areas sometimes find it difficult to relocate to small rural communities because of a lack of affordable housing, she said.

Harrison noted that maternity leaves and leaves for injury, surgery or illness "are normal life events. When you have a large staff, you barely notice, but in a small rural staff, it's a big problem. You know it's going to happen, but you don't know when. It's a very big challenge for a small staff."

A central pool and permanent substitutes were suggested as possible solutions. Nurses coming in from other countries are a possibility, but are required to pass first an English test and then a medical knowledge test, both of which take support and preparation time, before they can be licensed in Canada.

The northern communities of Hay River, La Crete and Rainbow Lake have a nurse locum program, which if suc-

cessful, will hopefully be expanded in the future, Harrison noted, adding that AHS recruitment specialists "are focusing on the north."

Elk Point's vacant positions have been advertised on the AHS website, Harrison said. "When most communities post positions, they're filled. If positions are vacant for six months or more they're flagged as communities needing extra attention."

Contract nurses have been used as "a band-aid," but are not a long term solution, she said. "We need to stop the overtime and make changes in services until we get enough staff."

"This is more than a band-aid can fix," Dr. Worry agreed.

Both doctors expressed their concern with the current situation.

"People in the community are concerned," Dr. Ramful said. "They come to us on a day-to-day basis, and despite the inpatient bed closure, they see the same amount of staff. It's difficult for us to explain."

"It's making our work difficult," Dr. Oyeboide

agreed. "Why not limit inpatient beds to two or three? St. Paul and Bonnyville is looking to send us more patients. We doctors get locums, and that's what you need to reduce the workload on the nurses."

Dr. Worry thanked the visitors for expressing their concerns, and said the challenge is "how bad the shortage is." He admitted that, "At times, we haven't done a good job of communicating how bad the situation is," which has made providing answers to their patients has made it difficult for "these doctors who work extremely hard."

Both Dr. Worry and Harrison assured the group that they are looking for solutions to both the current crisis and for the long term.

Mayor Tung and his council, MLA Saskiw and Anderson all expressed a belief that the community was ready and willing to help in any way possible, and that a meeting was planned for the following day to explore options.

"Hopefully, collaboratively we can solve this," the mayor said.

Illegal donations

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Saskiw said Albertans shouldn't feel as if they have to support a specific political party in order to receive grants or get new infrastructure in their constituencies. He believes that if a similar issue was happening in any other province, it would be a widespread scandal, but Albertans seem desensitized to the corruption.

Saskiw would like to see the premier tell Albertans the exact number they've been asked by Elections Alberta to repay, and pay back "every last penny."

A press release dated Jan. 31 from the PC Alberta Association stated, "The party has complied with Elections Alberta's requirement for the reimbursement of past donations to the party, despite the fact each donation was received from individual donors at the

time in full compliance with donation rules and limits."

The total amount of donations repaid, according to the press release, was \$17,655. The party is in discussions with Elections Alberta to clarify legislation.

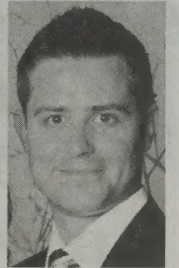
During the press conference, Saskiw said the Wildrose believes the total amount of alleged illegal donations could be about \$90,000, which includes a number of cases before 2009.

"The problem goes much, much deeper than what Elections Alberta revealed today," said Saskiw.

"Make no mistake, the PCs have collected tens of thousands of dollars illegally over the years, and this has been going on for decades. Elections Alberta has only scratched the surface of what is a deep rooted practice," he said.

Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky



- Eating Disorder Awareness Week is held each February to educate the public on the relationship between dieting, body dissatisfaction and eating disorders. The goal is to increase awareness of the factors that cause people, particularly women, to develop eating disorders like anorexia and bulimia.
- It's been over 13 years since a new weight-loss drug has come on the market. A new one was just OK'd in the U.S. It's called Belviq and it works on a brain chemical that controls appetite. Weight-loss drugs have had a rather shaky history and it's not sure how good this new one will be. The drug is still under review in Canada. It may be available to pharmacies within the year.
- Losing weight is big business. However, there is no magic answer to the problem. To make weight-loss permanent, one must simply eat fewer calories or burn more calories. In fact, for better results, do both.
- Research in Israel has produced a strain of marijuana that can ease pain and discomfort symptoms but without the part of the plant that makes people "high". Perhaps this altered product might make access easier for those with chronic diseases like MS, Parkinson's and post traumatic stress disorder.
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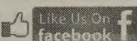
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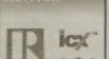
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EDITORIAL

Priceless thoughts?

With the official discontinuation of the penny yesterday, we tend to wonder what happens to the classic phrase, "Penny for your thoughts?"

Prices are now to be rounded down or up, with increments of one or two cents rounded down to zero, three and four cents rounded up to five cents. Thus, the thoughts that would have been worth a penny on Sunday are now apparently worth zero.

That won't stop us thinking, however, and the thought comes to mind, will businesses win or lose on transactions, or will they just adjust their prices to better coincide with the absence of the penny? Will coffee vendors and convenience stores make a few extra cents on our midmorning snacks? Will the bakery lose the extra two cents on each loaf of bread?

But then... were these thoughts worth a penny?

WAY BACK WHEN...

Penalties, bananas and power bills

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 5 IN...

1988

Pauline and Lane Scott, Patricia and Randy Weston narrowly defeated Bill Pacholek, Sheila Lorensen, Marshal Pelech and Stella Lorensen in the Lindbergh Mixed Bonspiel grand challenge. Bonnyville Pontiacs and Elk Point Elks filled both penalty boxes to capacity with all on-ice players except the goalies after a giant scuffle in a game that gave the Pontiacs a 11-4 win.

1993

Garbage topped the agenda for town council, as they passed third reading of their new garbage bylaw, agreed that the town grader could be used to clear the road to the landfill and that non-town or non-county residents would be charged \$25 per load to deposit material in the landfill. Daphne Schnurer was appointed as Volunteer Week coordinator.

1998

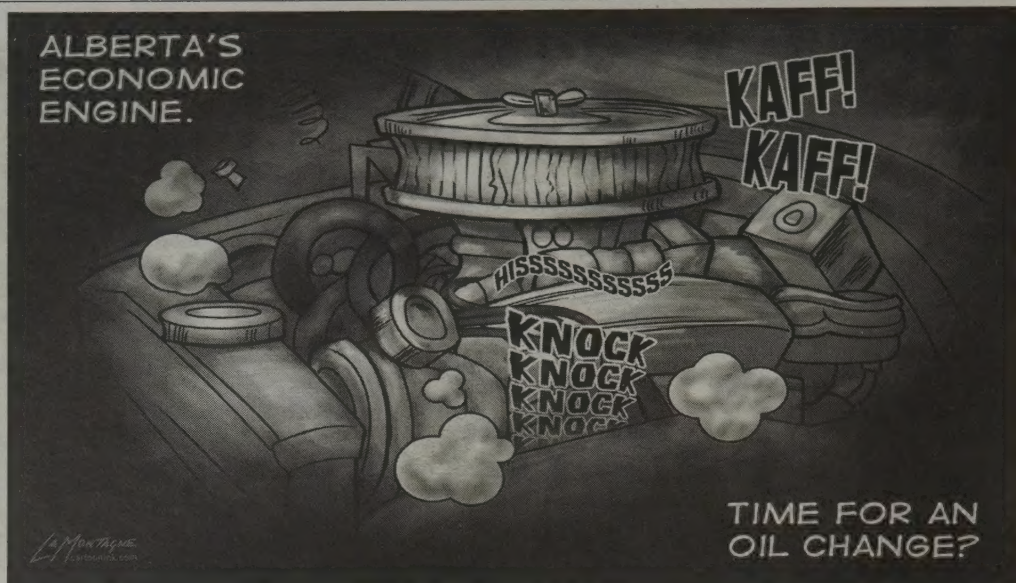
The five-year wait was over for Elk Point Elementary School teacher Wayne Hymanyk and his students, when his classroom's banana tree finally produced a bunch of finger-sized fruit. Elk Point Skating Club's skate-a-thon was the biggest ever, with 51 skaters completing an incredible 1117 laps.

2003

The 20th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel came to an exciting finish, with bonspiel committee chairman Leonard Gadowski and his Tuboscope rink defeated in an extra end by Silverline Insulators, skipped by Dave Dwan. Elk Point Oilmen's Association named Bill Jennissen their first-ever Oilman of the Year.

2008

F. G. Miller principal Colin Bjorkman was "quite impressed" when 23 of 25 Grade 12 students made their way through a raging snowstorm to write their Social Studies diploma exams. Massive power bills had the A. G. Ross Arena operating committee looking at ways to save energy, including updated lighting for the ice surface.



GUEST COLUMN

Fog problems

Last week we began the week with fog and it was like a vision of prelude before Groundhog Day on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Did he or did he not see his shadow? Well, maybe the fog frightened him enough to not want to look. Yes a fog can be a frightening thing of nature. After all, fog can be considered a cloud at ground level. Like clouds, fog is made up of condensed water droplets which are the result of the air being cooled to the point (actually, the dewpoint) where it can no longer hold all of the water vapor it contains. There is another point of interest which states a fog is really a fast way to melt snow. In the spring, snow cover can melt rapidly if a warm, humid air mass overrides the snow and the snow then lowers the temperature of this humid air to the point that fog forms. The fog droplets forming at the snow surface release the latent heat of condensation, which helps to melt snow. So there you go. We can now say why we received fog before Groundhog Day. We wanted the snow to melt so the groundhog would want to come out of his hole and make his famous weather prediction.



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

Speaking of fog problems, there is another kind of fog beside the "cloud fog" that is causing people problems. A couple of weeks ago I happened to watch Dragon's Den on television. The hopeful businessperson that was asking for financial support from the Dragon's Den people was presenting something that would help people with poor literacy skills. This product would improve a person's reading skills. The comment was made that 42 per cent of Canadian adults between the ages of 16 and 65 have low literacy skills. One person with Dragon's Den strongly stated that she didn't believe the percentage and therefore refused to even look closer into what the product said it could do. So she wasn't putting any money into it. What happened after this comment was that it seemed to blind side the presenter and she wasn't able to regroup. Since that time I have been thinking about the 42 per cent and wondering could

this be really a true statement?

More than 23,000 Canadian adults took part in an International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey in 2003. This survey defined literacy as "the ability to use and understand information that is fundamental to daily life at work, at home, and in the community." Statistics Canada and Human Resources Development Canada have adopted this definition. The 2003 International Survey measured four skills: **Prose literacy:** the knowledge and skills needed to understand and use information from texts. **Document literacy:** the knowledge and skills needed to find and use information in various formats, like schedules, maps, tables, and charts. **Numeracy:** the knowledge and skills needed to do arithmetic and understand numbers in printed materials. **Problem solving:** the process of solving problems by using goal-directed thinking and action, when the person does not have a routine to follow.

Everyone who took part was rated on each skill on a scale from 0 to 500 points. Their prose literacy, document literacy, and numeracy scores were then grouped into five levels of competency. (Problem solving has only four levels.) The Government of Canada sets Level 3 as the minimum literacy that people need to cope with the increasing information demands of our society. The Conference Board of Canada believes that, in an information society, people need a score of at least 300 to be employable.

How literate are Canadians? Fifty-eight of 100 adults in Canada aged 16 to 65 have the basic reading skills they need for most everyday tasks. The average score for Canadian adults in prose literacy and document literacy is near the bottom of Level 3. That means that about two in every five Canadian adults – nine million people – can't read well enough to do everyday things. The average for numeracy and problem solving is just below Level 3. Only 45 of 100 adults in Canada aged 16 to 65 can do everyday arithmetic and understand the numbers in printed materials.

Now that we have all these literacy facts and understand how they were derived, I think it becomes understandable why the literacy rate is low for 42 per cent of Canadians. Now that is a FOG PROBLEM! To have the fog lifted is a goal worth establishing as a possibility in our increasing information society.

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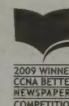


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Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's top speakers

A morning of prepared and impromptu speeches and presentations came to an exciting conclusion for Elk Point 4-H Multi Club members (left to right) Nolan Vogel, first place Intermediate speech, Carson Vogel, second Junior speech, Leanna Gibson, second Intermediate speech, Abby Baker, first Junior speech, Morgan Baker, Intermediate presentation, and in front, Brooke and Madison Kriderr, Junior presentation.

Vicki Brooker photo

Multi Club shares members' views

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club held its annual Public Speaking Competition on Sunday at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Sunday, with 10 speakers and two demonstrations declared, "well prepared" by the judges.

In the Junior division, Abby Baker placed first with "So You Think You Can Dance," an account of her enjoyable experiences in Ukrainian Dance through the year, filled with performances and competitions. Her impromptu speech outlined the reasons that 16 is "The age I would like to be."

Second place in the Junior lineup went to Carson Vogel, who told of his own adventures, in "A Year in the Sheep Project," followed by a rundown on his teachers and topics of study at school in his impromptu.

Other speakers in the Junior division were Wolke Cueva with an armchair travelogue of Ecuador, Sadie Baker with a discourse on her favourite animal, the donkey, Tammy Roberts, speaking about the once-endangered red wolf, and Mackenzie Evans, with her ambitious plans for "When I Grow Up."

Sisters Madison and Brooke Kriderr gave an impressive and thought-provoking presentation as their part of the competition, the junior duo calling for an end to 'Bullying.'

Nolan Vogel topped the Intermediate speakers with his explanation of the fun, although complex, trading card game, YuGi-Oh! followed by an impromptu on the advantages that could be obtained by having "Computers in the Classroom."

Second place in the division went to Leanna Gibson, who assured the audience that many heroes do not wear tights and capes, but instead are part of our everyday lives, ranging from firefighters and the military to parents and teachers. Her impromptu explained that for her, 4-H is tradition, "with each year more fun than the last."

Also competing at the Intermediate level were Dana Gibson, who outlined "the History of Chocolate," and Morgan Evans, who told about "The Cowboy King, Pete Knight."

Horse-loving Intermediate member Morgan Baker used projected photos in her presentation to illustrate the signs she was talking about in "The Little Signs," that show the meaning of a horse's body language. While members doing a presentation are not required to do an impromptu, she volunteered one, voicing her intention to pass on her love of horses and her family values "When I Become a Parent."

The two top speakers and the presenters from each age group received a certificate of achievement from the club. The first place winners will go on to District competition on Sunday, March 3 in St. Paul.

Sharon Boorse and Laverne Wilson judged the junior speeches and intermediate impromptus, while Lana MacDonald and Sandra Bishop judged the intermediate speeches, junior impromptus and the presentations. Edna Kulczycki was mistress of ceremonies for the competition, while Sarah Stewart and Mona Bristow were the tellers and timers.



Most appreciated

Gifts of appreciation went to (left to right) timers and tellers Sarah Stewart and Mona Bristow, and judges Lana MacDonald, Sandra Bishop, Laverne Wilson and Sharon Boorse.

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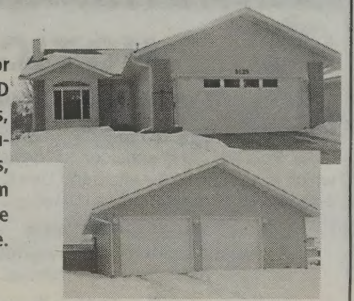
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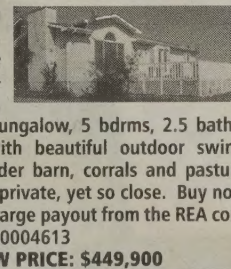
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By **VICKI BROOKER**
Review Staff

The first annual public speaking competition for the newly formed Elk Point 4-H Beef Club was held Jan. 29 in the Elks Lodge Room, with a capacity crowd of family members on hand to enjoy the evening of speeches and presentations.

Judges Leanne Vinge, Kris-Ann Jenner, Spencer Hutton and Vicki Brooker were impressed with the quality of the speeches and the confidence with which they were

delivered, and declared that everyone had done an excellent job.

At the end of the evening, Kailey Wirsta, whose prepared speech told about her chocolate-addicted, non-typical pet, "My Cat Whisker" and whose impromptu praised her favourite teacher, placed first in the Junior division. Dustin Pinder entertained the audience with his hilarious account of "My Pets" following up with a fun impromptu on his favourite summer sport to take second

place. Nicole Bristow, with a prepared speech on "Dogs" and an impromptu on the pros and cons of cell phone ownership, and her brother Dallas, with a prepared speech on his favourite sport, hockey, and an impromptu listing things he would never eat, also competed in the junior division.

Firstplace Intermediate honours went to Heidi Tymko, who spoke knowledgeably about "The Perfect Runner" before arguing her case in "Why I deserve an

allowance." Matthew McAnally placed second with a prepared speech about his steer, Ernest, and an impromptu on school bus regulations.

In the Senior division, winner Larissa Lupul spoke on the busy life of a procrastinating teenager in "Just Give Me a Second" and followed up with an impromptu on the value of attending college. Roy Tymko impressed the crowd with his understanding of "How to Build a Computer" and expressed his opinion that 4-H related courses should be available in university, for second place.

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Beef Club champion speakers

Winning speakers at the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club public speaking competition on Tuesday were, front, left to right: Senior members Larissa Lupul, first, and Roy Tymko, second; back left to right: intermediate members Heidi Tymko, first, and Matthew McAnally, second, and juniors Kailey Wirsta, first and Dustin Pinder, second.





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Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 2013-01** which is a Bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1486, as it relates to zoning of the following land:

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A **Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

Copies of the Bylaw and Plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office.

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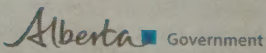


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All winners!

Julie Roth (back left) of ATB Financial told speakers and presenters at the 4-H Beef speakoff that they were all winners, because they made an excellent effort. Back, left to right are Payden Wells, Nicole Bristow, Heidi Tymko, Kailey Wirsta, Roy Tymko, Larissa Lupul, Ashley Bristow; front, left to right: Matthew McAnally, Everett Smith, Tulsen Wells, Dallas Bristow and Dustin Pinder.



Personable presenters

Four members chose to do presentations instead of speeches. Left to right are Everett Smith, Payden Wells and Tulsen Wells and Ashley Bristow.

4-H Penny phase-out begins

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Yesterday marked the official transition date for the phase-out of the Canadian penny, according to a press release from the Department of Finance. "Pennies have sat idle for too long in forgotten penny jars and couch crevices," said Parliamentary Secretary Glover, in a press release released yesterday. "They demand too much time, for too little return, of our small business owners . . . It is time to bid the penny a fond farewell."

For the past month, the Government of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mint have been reminding consumers, businesses, financial institutions and charities that the supply of pennies will start to diminish after Feb. 4, as the Mint stops distributing the one-cent coins.

The Department of Finance has put together a page on its website to deal with frequently asked questions about the phase-out of the penny. A toolkit was also made available for retailers to use to offer consumers information on how cash payments will be treated when pennies are no longer available, said the press release.

"The Mint has produced this coin for Canada since 1908, and the sun is finally setting on one small part of our currency system which once played a big part in our daily lives," said Ian E. Bennett, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint.

According to an earlier press release, the "cost-efficient campaign" was created to help ensure Canadians across the country are informed of the Feb. 4 date, said the website.

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Julie Roth on behalf of ATB Financial, Elk Point, presented first prizes in all divisions while Kid's Oilfield Services sponsored second prizes.

Payden and Tulsen Wells gave the lone Junior presentation, displaying souvenirs of the many attractions they visited during their summer vacation in Missouri, for a prize from Knotty Boyz Embroidery and E-Can Oilfield Services.

Ashley Bristow made the top Intermediate presentation, demonstrating the various styles of Dance to win a prize from TD Canada Trust while Everett Smith's presentation showed him to be a total Scooby Doo fan to earn him second prize from E-Can Oilfield Services.

M. Wells Consulting Ltd. and Shamrock Valley Enterprises were also sponsors of the event.

Britney Heathcote was mistress of ceremonies for the evening, while Heather Tymko and Mona Bristow served as timers and tellers and Janice Wirsta oversaw the impromptu table.

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Lights go out at AGR, Super Bowl

Two wins and a tie in league games for Pee wee Avalanche this week

Another very busy week at the A. G. Ross Arena, starting this past Thursday night when the Pee wees hosted Cold Lake in a league game. All these games are important now because the pee wee team is sitting right on the bubble to make the playoffs.

The boys, with three days off from school because of the cold weather and a P.D. day, looked very sluggish to start and it took two periods

to wake up. Down three to one in the first, then four to three after two, they would kick it into gear in the third, tying the game then taking the lead with only two minutes left. Cold Lake would pull the goalie in the final minute put the pressure on and tie the game with only 10 seconds left. Four goals for team captain "Awesome Alex" Hunter, the big blue liner Nicholas Tucker sending a torpedo of a shot, adding one. And one of the few guys who looked like he didn't stay up all night and was ready to play, Kaiden "K Rock" Evans Anderson with one. Brody "the Big O" Odgaard with two assists, Dustyn "Dust Pan" Pankiw and Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludlage each with a helper.

On Saturday the Groundhog may not have seen his shadow, but our players sure did when half the lights went out and the music stopped right at the end of the second period. Thanks to Rodney Graus, we were able to do some patch work and finish the game, with the clock and half of the lights on, but no music! The whole game the Avalanche out played Mallaig, but their goalie was hotter than a firecracker and it took over 40 shots to finally break the seal. "Awesome Alex and Nicholas Tucker with two each, "Dust Pan" with

an assist. The Avalanche coming from behind once more in the third period to tie this one and then took a one goal lead, the tank with enough air to blow the horn two more times, 4 to 3 the final. And I can tell you this, even though

Mallaig didn't have a whole bunch of shots, they were quality shots, the type that were difficult to stop and especially in the last five minutes, Darrian "the Dominator" Rybinski had to come up big time to keep the

boys in this one and get the two points.

On Super Bowl Sunday the power was back at full strength, the music pumped up and so were the boys, this time a 10 a.m. start against Lloydminster which turned in to another barn burner right to the end. Same story, down early again, 2 to 0 this time before the "Big O" would go end to end to open up the scoring, "Awesome Alex" would add one, but the team still trailed 4 to 2 after the first 20 minutes. Into the second, "Awesome Alex" on a roll adding two more, another from "the Big O" and "Dust Pan" finding the twine with one, now the score tied 6-all after two. Very early in the third Lloydminster took the lead again, but "Awesome Alex" with two more would give the boys the two big points. Three league games, five points out of a possible six, not too shabby!!

It was a tough loss for the Atom 'A' team Friday night, when they faced off against Kitscoty in the first game of the second round of provincials, losing a 6 to 2. As is often the case in atom hockey, one player off the Kitscoty team scored five of the six goals. "Sam I Am" Henderson and Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion with the goals for the Avalanche, the spark plug "Lightning

Liam" Ludage with two assists, Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk adding one. The second game will go in Kitscoty on Wednesday night. I still have faith that our guys, they have the potential to pull this one out of the bag. Four goals in Atom hockey in not a lot and is far from impossible, especially if you can shut down that one guy. Of course that's easier said than done!

Then on Saturday the Atom "A" team hosted St. Paul in a league game and with no pressure would win this contest 4 to 2. "az" with two, "Sam I Am" and Connor "Coast to Coast" Lychak with one each. Two assists for Dylan "the Destroyer" Ference, "Lightning Liam" on the sheet with one.

He did the absolute best he could, but there's no way he could have stopped them all, scrambling around the goal mouth from side to side and up and down, goalie Ronan "Radar" Poulin was bombarded with the rubber, facing 73 shots when the visiting Glendon team easily defeated our Atom 'B' team on Saturday. Even still our guys didn't quit trying, great forechecking by forwards Erin Duffee, Jenna "Precious" Poitras, "Sexy Slader" Hardcastle and Matthew Quinney. And once again this week, defenseman Brandon "Bart" Schaap turned on the afterburners and speed skated right along with their best. This coming weekend to the Atom 'B' team is hosting their home tournament, be sure to come down and give these kids your support.

On the road in Bonnyville on Saturday, the Micro Novice would pick up a win. "King Kong Konnor" Poitras, Sam "Spiderman" Rogal and Kade Fontaine each with a hat trick, the little gaffer Gavin Kadutski lightning the lamp with one.

Over in Mallaig our Novice team did a great job when they played in

a tournament there, with a 7-all tie in the first game against Pierceland, "Bazooka Joe" Cardinal getting the goaltending assignment in this one. Luke "Sky Walker" Poulin and "Mic Jager" Fontaine with hat tricks, Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa with a single, Odin "the Wall" Smith with two assists, Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk with one. Rylee "the Rocket" Warawa winning the Heart and Hustle award.

Winning their second game against Bonnyville, Kobe Warawa was between the pipes. A hat trick for "Sky Walker", two each for the "Wall" and "Whirlwind" the "Rocket" adding one. Assists for Josef Theriault, "Bazooka Joe" Lenae Peebles and Dean "the Machine" Ockerman, "Mic Jager" winning the Heart and Hustle.

It was another close one on Sunday with Brady Hymanyk behind the mask, the Avalanche losing this one 7 to 6 to Two Hills, "Sky Walker" and "Mic" with hat tricks, "Whirlwind", the "Rocket" and the "Machine" with assists. Lenae Peebles, who won the Heart and Hustle, also with an assist.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "A month before the season I stop putting ketchup on my French fries." Last week's answer to - "Most people have the will to win. Few have the will to prepare to win." - Bobby Knight. Have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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Looking back at the busy summer of 2012

While we wait for the arrival of spring in a few weeks, let's look back at the much warmer days of the summer of 2012....

July

"You're all winners," mistress of ceremonies Leanne Vinge told Elk Point Elementary School students at the school's annual awards day, where Kira Brunner won the St. Paul Regional School Division No. 1 Grade 6 Academic Award. Elk Point Co-op visited town council to outline plans for a major expansion and renovation of the store, with construction to begin in the spring of 2013.

Valedictorian Kelsey Lindquist sought advice from a previous valedictorian, her father Jim, to prepare her address to F. G. Miller's Class of 2013 at their graduation, where the Crusader sword was passed from Bailey Oster and Wyatt Dewan to Mandy Berg and Nicole Plunkie. There was plenty of reminiscing at Stoney Lake's 50th annual Stampede, with original members Gunther May, Steve Drobot, Walter and Ed Piotrowski, Olga Demchuk joined by Joe Tymofichuk, a member since 1973, to cut the anniversary cake, while nearby, Pat Swedgan proudly displayed albums of posters, newspaper coverage and photos covering the half century of rodeo history.

Town council took two extra days and a special meeting to iron out the details, but finally gave approval for two parts of their planned walking trail development to go ahead on 54 Street and 50 Avenue. The crowning of Canada Day Idol Tatum Williams of Lloydminster, junior winner and second runner up Alison Ference of Bonnyville and second runner up Cassidy Zahar of Vilna came at the end of a long day of Canada Day celebrations that included a pancake breakfast, parade, stage show, strength challenge and Dare Challenge.

Twenty years after the Bicentennial and the opening of the Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre, 1992 advisory board members Sheila Thompson, Frank Mayner and John Zenko and Bicentennial Committee members Marjorie and Roy Scott, Kathy Foster, Sherry Milholland and Vicki Brooker were on hand to accept certificates of recognition from Alberta Historic Sites Director of Operations Charlene Garvey. The Bicentennial reunion was held in conjunction with the forts' annual Saskatoon Festival.

Millie Orr won her second consecutive Grand Aggregate award at the Elk Point Agricultural Society Craft and Horticultural Show, with Lillian Balazs of Cold Lake and Lisa Love taking second and third place respectively. The town-conducted municipal census showed a significant increase to 1,571 residents, compared to the 2011 federal census total of 1,412.

August

It was a constructive summer in Elk Point, with the major infrastructure project of the 24/7 water line from St. Paul and street construction and the installation of services in the new industrial park area as the largest projects. One of the smaller projects was the construction of a concrete swale across 51 Street at the

50 Ave. intersection and modifications to the nearby storm drain, to alleviate a drainage trouble spot during spring runoff and heavy rains.

Fun and games were added to safety knowledge as Canadian Salt's Lindbergh works held their annual Safety Day, where plant manager Roman Pietrus said that with 1.4 million worker hours without a lost time accident, "We have something to celebrate." Heinsburg's Trail Day raised funds to assist cancer victims through Haying in the '30s.

Work got underway on the creation of 16 new R1 residential lots that would be priced at \$65,000 each and several R3 lots, with the price for those to be determined after the outline plan was completed. Sean Hill was named champion of the 29th annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament, with a participant lineup that included champion curler Carter Rycroft.

MLA Shayne Saskiw paid his first-ever visit to Fort George and Buckingham House provincial historic site and toured the original fort sites and interpretive centre before presenting the staff with a certificate of congratulations on 20 years of operation. Twenty-two members of the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group were also visitors at the Forts for the annual Forts des Prairies Jamboree.

Day of Prayer date change

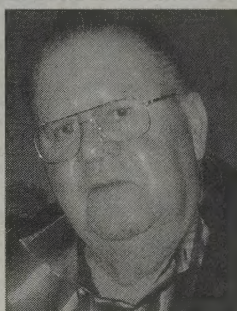
By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The organizing committee of Elk Point's World Day of Prayer service has changed the date of that observance from Friday evening, March 1 to Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m. at Elk Point United Church.

Rev. Lorraine Lambert will be one of the speakers on the theme, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

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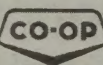

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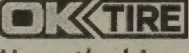
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Premier offers state-of-the-province address

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

As part of a commitment to keeping the lines of communication open with Albertans about major issues, Premier Alison Redford offered a state-of-the-province address last Thursday, as a way to address concerns over lower-than-anticipated oil revenue and "difficult choices" that will have to be made.

Growing oil production in the US, which is the country's biggest importer of Canadian oil, has resulted in what Redford referred to as a "bitumen bubble" and a loss of about \$6 billion in revenue this year alone, which is equivalent to what the province spends on education in a year.

"Alberta has been a steady star in turbulent waters, but even we're not immune to economic forces beyond our borders," said Redford on Thursday. She added that Albertans voted in support of a PC government to lead the way in good times and in difficult times.

Local Wildrose MLA Shayne Saskiw felt that last week's state-of-the-province address was a waste of taxpayer dollars, and pegged the actual cost of the televised address at \$55,000.

"They're trying to invent an economic crisis when there simply isn't one," said Saskiw, adding, "To say the sky has fallen since the election is just false."

He believes most provinces would love to have the problems Alberta has, with near record revenue expected this year.

"It's the premier that's living in a bubble if she thinks that things have drastically changed since the election," said Saskiw.

In her address Redford said, "Despite falling oil revenues, I give you my commitment that

as we deliver our long-term economic plan for Alberta, we will be thoughtful in our approach and we will deliver on these priorities," which are to continue building Alberta and funding core services.

Redford said it's not good enough to take an axe to government spending because that puts the most vulnerable at risk, and it's also not good enough to take the "easy way out" and raise taxes.

As a province, Albertans need to "live within our means" and "hold the line on our spending." But Redford added that some programs and services will have to change.

The province must continue to fight to get oil to refineries in the US and over to Asia. Getting oil to new markets and selling it at the highest price possible are priorities for the PC government.

"We'll work through the effects of the bitumen bubble and put Alberta on a more secure footing," said Redford. She also announced that an economic summit would be held to get experts together, share ideas and find solutions.

Saskiw reiterated what the Wildrose has often said, in that the current PC government has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. He added that the first sacrifice the PC government must make is to roll back the pay raises they plan on giving themselves. He also believes that money for new MLA offices can wait.

"There's so much waste that we're seeing right now," said Saskiw.

The local MLA said that Albertans he had spoken to don't understand how the province could be in such a poor financial position.

Archers take aim at 20th annual Indoor 3-D Shoot

By RYAN MCCracken
Review Contributor

The St. Paul Archery Club held its 20th annual Indoor 3-D Shoot at the Ag Corral this past weekend, with 80 archers coming out from all corners of the province to test their accuracy.

"We had a pretty good turnout this year again," said St. Paul Archery Club president Mark MacKinnon. "We have people here from a variety of locations... some from far and away, but still fairly local."

Archers lined up and took aim at an array of 3D targets ranging from small dinosaurs to life-sized deer, elk and alligators. Targets varied both in size and in distance from the archers.

"A body shot is worth five points, and then there are rings that get smaller. The largest ring is worth eight, the next is worth 10, and the

smallest one at our club is called a 10x," MacKinnon said, adding that some clubs will count the bulls eye at 11 points, but St. Paul opted to count it as a 10x, which comes into play primarily for tie-breakers.

Competition was held across a number of categories, adult compound male and female, traditional, youth (14 to 17 years old), cubs (11 to 13 years old) and teddies (10 years old and under).

MacKinnon said that in the traditional category, archers can only use recurve or long bows, creating for a more time-honoured competition.

"We've had some really good competition throughout all the different categories," MacKinnon said. "I'm especially excited for some of our younger shooters that are just starting out this year. It's been great watching them have lots of fun."

The next event for the St. Paul Archery Club will be the annual outdoor shoot, which will be held near Elk Point in June.

Saturday Results

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Jordan Cemulini (440)
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Cubs
Tallin Cemulini (451)
Caleb MacKinnon (412)
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Youth
Kelby Johnston (431, 8-10x)
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Participants of the annual Indoor 3-D Shoot, hosted by the St. Paul Archery Club, compare shots taken at a target.

Ryan McCracken photo



Indoor 3-D archery shoot

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Novelty Shoot Winner			Alex Hinz (378)	
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		Tallin Cemulini (447)	Debbie Wrubliski (359)	Gary Bosch (397)
Sunday Results		Caleb MacKinnon (445)	Janice Swanek (324)	James Tracey (338)
Teddies		Jasper Nelson (428)		
Jordan Cemulini (461)		Youth		Novelty Shoot Winner
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